(a) the quantity of electronic goods imported and exported during 1990-91; and

(b) the names of the countries of which these are being exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Electronic goods worth Rs. 910 crores were exported during 1990-91. Electronic products are being exported to a large number of countries including USA, UK, France, Japan, Finland, USSR, Hongkong, the Netherlands, Germany, Taiwan, Singapore, Switzerland, etc.

Since foreign trade data is maintained only for broad commodity groups, data for import of electronic components/goods is not separately available.

Ration cards to slum dwellers

1111. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ration cards have been provided to all the slum habitants in Delhi;

(b) if not, the number of such slums where this facility is yet to be provided; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to provide ration card facility in all the jhuggi jhonpri colonies in Delhi;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Ration cards are being issued to all bonafide residents of Delhi in accordance with the provisions of Delhi Specified Articles (Regulation of Distribution) Order, 1981, whether living in slums or otherwise.

However cards were also issued to bonafide residents of Jhuggi-Jhonpri components of slums, whose dwelling units came into existence before 31.1.1990, as a one-time exercise.

(b) and (c). Proposal for issue of Food Cards to residents of new Jhuggi Jhonpri colonies that came up after 31.1.1990 is under consideration of Delhi Administration.

[*English*]

Eligibility Limit for Bonus

1112. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested to abolish the emoluments limit of Rs. 2500/- for bonus under the Bonus Act;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if the Union Government have not taken any decision so far, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Foreign collaboration for manufacturing fast food processed food

1113. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some big Industrial houses propose to set up a chain of fast food

processed food manufacturing units with foreign coliaboration; and

(b) if so, the details of foreign collaborations approved so far and the proposals under consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Two proposals one from M/s. Kellogg Company of USA and another from M/s. JMRPCO, a Hong Kong based company have been received for setting up processed food manufacturing units. While approval for financial-cum-tehnical collaboration has been granted by Reserve Bank of India to M/s. Kellogg Company of USA for holding 51% equity in the new undertaking M/s. Kellogg India Limited, under automatic approval scheme, the proposal of M/s. JMRPCO is under examination of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB).

[English]

Import of Edible Vegetable Oils

1114. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of edible vegetable oils in the country during the last six months;

(b) the quantity of edible vegetable oils imported during the above period to meet the demand of consumers; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production edible vegetable oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No reliable estimate of the production of edible vegetable oils in the country during the last 6 months is available. Roughly this could be placed at around 20 lakh MTs.

(b) During the period April to October, 1991 a quantity of 66000 MTs edible oils has been contracted for import. Actual arrival till 18th November, 1991 has been 30061 MTs.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government to increase the productions of edible vegetable oils are:

1) Two centrally sponsored schemes namely National Oilsseds Development Projects (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) which were operating till 1989-90 have been merged during 1990-91 into a single scheme namely Oilseeds Production Programmes (OPP). This scheme essentially provides essential assistance to the states for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant protection measures including supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments and organising demonstration of advanced technology.

ii) The oilseeds projects of the NDDB.

iii) Setting up of a Technology Mission of Oilseeds In May, 1986 for harnessing the best of production, processing and management technologies.